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Question from: United States of America at Tuesday, 30 September 2014

Category: Assumptions, conditions and methodologies related to the attainment of its quantified economy-wide emission reduction target

Title: Question #1 for Cyprus

The ERT noted “In its BR1, Cyprus reported that the progress towards the achievement of the quantified economy-wide emission reduction target is not applicable as Cyprus did not have an emission reduction target during the first commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol. Cyprus did not report any information in CTF table 4 (covering years up to 2012). The ERT noted that under the Convention, Cyprus made a commitment to contribute to the achievement of the joint EU economy-wide emission reduction target of 20 per cent of GHG emissions compared with the 1990 level by 2020. The ERT recommends that the Party report, in CTF table 4 of its next BR submission, the relevant information for the base year (1990) and other years which are relevant for the quantified economy-wide emission reduction target.” (paragraph 20) Is Cyprus included within the 20% reduction target of the EU?

Answered by: Cyprus at Wednesday, 26 November 2014

Information has not been provided in the National Communication for the national emission reduction for the First Commitment Period, since Cyprus until 2012 was a non-Annex I party. However, for the Second Commitment Period under the Kyoto Protocol, the EU, its 28 Member States and Iceland including Cyprus, have inscribed a commitment of reducing average annual emissions by 20 % during the 2013-2020 period, as compared to base year, to be fulfilled jointly.

Question from: Egypt at Tuesday, 30 September 2014

Category: Assumptions, conditions and methodologies related to the attainment of its quantified economy-wide emission reduction target

Title: GHG inventory assumption

what are the normal assumptions in transport and agricultural sector related to GHG inventory related to ipcc 1996 guidelines or 2006 guidelines ?

Answered by: Cyprus at Wednesday, 26 November 2014

Revised IPCC 1996 guidelines

Question from: China at Monday, 29 September 2014

Category: Progress towards the achievement of its quantified economy-wide emission reduction target

Title: clarification on the projections

The emission projection of Cyprus shows it can achieve a 60% emission reduction during 2010-2020 under a With Measures scenario. Further information on this such as which policies and measures are included in the projection is needed.

Answered by: Cyprus at Wednesday, 26 November 2014

Information on the policies and measures included in the “With Measures” scenario are available in section 5.3, table 5.7 of the National Communication and described in detail in Chapter 4 of the National Communication.

Question from: China at Monday, 29 September 2014

Category: Assumptions, conditions and methodologies related to the attainment of its quantified economy-wide emission reduction target

Title: clarification on the emission reduction target

1. There is almost no information on basic indicators for its emission reduction target, such as base year, gases or sectors covered. Can Cyprus provide this information through the MA portal or in SBI sessions?
2. There is no assumption on its economy or population growth for projection analysis. Although it is not mandatory or a standardized approach, it is still better if Cyprus can provide further information on its projection analysis.
3. Cyprus has included LULUCF sector in its base year and target, which is different from the EU. Can Cyprus provide further information on this issue?

Answered by: Cyprus at Wednesday, 26 November 2014

Q1: There is almost no information on basic indicators for its emission reduction target, such as base year, gases or sectors covered. Can Cyprus provide this information through the MA portal or in SBI sessions?

A1: Information has not been provided in the National Communication for the national emission reduction for the First Commitment Period, since Cyprus until 2012 was a non-Annex I party. However, for the Second Commitment Period under the Kyoto Protocol, the EU, its 28 Member States and Iceland including Cyprus, have inscribed a commitment of reducing average annual emissions by 20 % during the 2013-2020 period, as compared to base year, to be fulfilled jointly.

The 2009 'Climate and Energy package' provides an integrated package of policies and measures to implement the international obligations of the EU and its Member States under the Kyoto's second commitment period.

The Climate and Energy Package sets a 20% GHG emission reduction target for EU-28 by 2020 compared to 1990. This effort is divided between EU ETS and non-ETS sectors as follows:

- (a) a 21% reduction in EU ETS sector emissions by 2020 compared to 2005: the EU ETS Directive provides an EU-wide cap
- (b) a reduction of around 10% by 2020 compared to 2005 for the sectors that are not covered by the EU ETS.

The EU ETS is a market based mechanism setting a EU-wide cap on the total amount of greenhouse gases that can be emitted by operators. As a result, emissions cannot exceed this cap. In the EU as a whole, in 2013, total verified emissions under the EU ETS were 182 Mt CO₂ eq below the cap for that year. Verified 2013 emissions decreased by 4 % compared to verified emissions in the year 2012. Compared to 2005 verified emissions (scope-corrected), the reduction achieved in 2013 was about 19 %.

For the non ETS sector, EU legislation (the Effort Sharing Decision) sets for each Member State binding annual emissions allocations from 2013 to 2020. The emissions reduction target for Cyprus in 2020 is 95% (or -5%) compared to 2005.

Q2: There is no assumption on its economy or population growth for projection analysis. Although it is not mandatory or a standardized approach, it is still better if Cyprus can provide further information on its projection analysis.

A2: These information is not presented since they have not been used for the projections.

Q3: Cyprus has included LULUCF sector in its base year and target, which is different from the EU. Can Cyprus provide further information on this issue?

A3: Even though LULUCF is not included in EU's pledge under the Convention, it is part of the joint binding commitment of the EU, its Member States and Iceland under the second commitment of the Kyoto Protocol and the EU and its Member States would apply all the relevant rules related to LULUCF under the Kyoto Protocol in CP2. In view of this, it was chosen to present LULUCF GHG emissions in projections.